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Art Unit	1647
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Title: CLONING OF A NOVEL NEUROTROPHIN NT-7 FROM CARP

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of May 10, 2004, Applicants request the entry of this Request for Continued Examination. In addition, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration in place of Applicant's Response to Final Office Action. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 25, 2004. The Subsequent Appeal was due on May 25, 2004. A three-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith, extending the period for response to August 25, 2004 and making this response timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this filing.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this filing.